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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 January 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 10-12, 17 and 18 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13-16 and 19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. This application contains claims 10-12, 17-18 are drawn to an invention nonelected without traverse in the reply filed on 1/29/07. A complete reply to the final rejection must include cancellation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144) See MPEP § 821.01.

Priority

2. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) based upon an application filed in Japan on 11/28/02.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The limitation of "a third set of keys corresponding to the first sort key and having the first color." Is a limitation not previously disclosed by the applicant and is inconsistent with the teachings of the invention, claim 19 also states that in the same screen "a first set of keys corresponding to the first sort key and having a third color".

Applicant must cancel the new matter.

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claims 13-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 13 recites the limitation "setting first and second screens" in line 4. This is confusing. Setting screens where? Clarify. . This confusion is also in claims 14-16.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

9. Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jackson (5894311).

Re claim 2, Jackson substantially discloses a display comprising:

A first display screen (figure 10 for example), comprising:

A first sort key (84 on figure 10 for example) having a first color and second sort key (76 for example) having a second color (see column 11 lines 48-50 according to the numbering in the middle for example);

A first set of keys (80 for example) corresponding to the first sort key and having the first color; and

A second set of keys (56 for example) corresponding to the second sort key and having the second color; and

A second display screen (figure 11 for example) displayed when the first sort key is selected and comprising:

The first and second sort keys having the first and second colors, respectively. Jackson does not explicitly disclose in the second display screen, the first set of keys corresponding to the first sort key and having a third color; a third set of keys corresponding to the first sort key and having the first color.

It would have been an obvious matter of design choice to have in the second display screen, the first set of keys corresponding to the first sort key and having a third color; a third set of keys corresponding to the first sort key and having the first color, since applicant has not disclosed that having differing color solves any stated problem or is for

any particular purpose and it appears that the invention performs equally well with respectively corresponding colors as is disclosed in Jackson.

Allowable Subject Matter

10. Claims 13-16, would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

11. Claims 1-9 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Re claims 1, 4-6, 8-9. prior arts do not teach or suggest the combination of a touch-panel keyboard with the display part displaying first and second screens, displaying a plurality of sort keys and one first key or a plurality of first keys, switching the first screen to the second screen in response to an operation of one sort key of the plurality of sort keys, with changing the color of said one first key or said plurality of first keys on the first screen to colors different from the color of said one first key or said plurality of first keys, on the second screen and displaying said one second key or said plurality of second keys displayed correspondingly to the operated sort key with the same color as the color of the operated sort key on the second screen.

Re claims 2, 3, 7, prior arts do not teach or suggest the combination of a touch-panel keyboard with the display part displaying first and second screens, displaying a plurality of sort keys and one first key or a plurality of first keys, the display control part setting the first and second screens on the display part, displaying the plurality of sort

keys having different colors and said one first key or said plurality of first keys which are the same color as the color of the sort keys correspondingly to the plurality of sort keys, switching the first screen to the second screen in response to an operation of one sort key of the plurality of sort keys, and displaying said one second key or said plurality of second keys displayed correspondingly to an operated sort key with the same color as the color of the operated sort key on the second screen.

Re claims 13, 14, prior arts do not teach or suggest the combination of a display method of a touch-panel keyboard displaying the first screen, displaying a plurality of sort keys having different colors and one first key or said plurality of first keys which are the same color as the color of the sort keys, switching the first screen to the second screen in response to an operation of one sort key of the plurality of sort keys, and displaying one second key or a plurality of second keys displayed correspondingly to an operated sort key with the same color as the color of the operated sort key on the second screen.

Re claims 15, 16 prior arts do not teach or suggest the combination of a display program of a touch-panel keyboard displaying the first screen, displaying a plurality of sort keys having different colors and one first key or said plurality of first keys which are the same color as the color of the sort keys, switching the first screen to the second screen in response to an operation of one sort key of the plurality of sort keys, and displaying one second key or a plurality of second keys displayed correspondingly to an operated sort key with the same color as the color of the operated sort key on the second screen.

Response to Arguments

12. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-9 and 13-16 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

13. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jinhee J. Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-1977. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F at 8:30AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid can be reached on 571-272-2100 ext. 74. The fax phone

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